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**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY COURTHOUSE
THIRD FLOOR
JULY 17, 2003
2:00 P.M.**

The City Council and Commissioners Court met in special session at the above place and date to discuss the Health District's proposed budget for FY2004. Mayor Pro Tem Anthony Cobos, present and the following Council Members were present: Susan Austin, Robert A. Cushing Jr., John Cook, Daniel S. Power and Vivian Rojas. Present from County Commissioners Court were County Judge Dolores Briones and the following County Commissioners: Charles Scruggs, Betti Flores, Miguel A. Teran and Daniel R. Haggerty. City Council Member Jose Alexandro Lozano arrived at 2:40 p.m. City staff attending the meeting were William A. Chapman, Chief Financial Officer, David Almonte, Director of the Office of Management Office and Budget, Richard Bristol, Budget Analyst III, Jim Martinez, Chief Administrative Officer. Also in attendance were Dr. Jorge C. Magaña, Health District's Director, Mark A. Everett, Public Health Administrator, Edward F. Muñoz, Administrative Services Manager, Joanne Bonilla, Administrative Analyst, Elizabeth Gonzalez, DDS, Sue Ellen Beatty, Jim Manley, Deputy Chief Administrator, Ed Dion and Wallace Hardgrove from the County Auditor's Office. Others present were Yusuf Farran, P. E., Patricia Palafox, Jim Klutz, and other individuals from the public.

At approximately 2:17 p.m., Judge Briones called the meeting to order to discuss the operations and function of the Health District, in addition, to take appropriate action concerning the proposed FY04 budget for the Health District. Judge Briones welcomed Mayor Pro Tem Anthony Cobos and City Council members. Mayor Pro Tem Cobos noted that on behalf of Council Members and himself, it was with pleasure and honor to meet with Judge Briones and Commissioners, and he looked forward to hearing Dr. Magaña's presentation. Judge Briones stated that this was not the first time that they had a joint meeting and certainly there will be others in the future.

Dr. Magaña recited the Health District's mission and made some brief comments on current community/public health issues such as Monkey Pox, West Nile Virus, SARS, Small Pox, Bio-Terrorism, Tuberculosis, Immunizations, Rabies, HIV/AIDS, STD, Air Quality and Food Inspection. He then introduced Mark A. Everett, Public Health Administrator, who proceeded to make the presentation on the Health District's proposed FY2004 budget, which included the priorities and roles in public service.

After review of the presentation, City and County representatives and other staff members made comments.

Commissioner Haggerty made comments on immunizations and the duplication of services provided by Thomason. He questioned what are we providing that they are not. Mr. Everett's response was clinic accessibility, the number of vaccines administered, education and outreach.

After much discussion of a proposed Chief Environmental Engineer position, Commissioner Teran commented that if hiring the environmental manager is the biggest concern the City and County have in agreeing on the budget, he would recommend removing the Environmental On-site program from City-County Health budget and have the County take over and operate it.

Mayor Pro Tem Cobos requested inclusion of sufficient dollars in the FY04 budget for the proposed engineer, stating if we knew this was going to be approved it should be included. District Administration explained the process and reviewed board actions. Mr. Farran made comments in support of hiring a Chief Environmental Engineer. Judge Briones said she appreciated adding the information at this meeting, but she does not want to be in the middle and believes there is a more appropriate place to handle the issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Cobos asked for clarification on the suggested program improvements, asking for a listing of each and cost of impact.

A review of the percentage and dollar breakdown of FY03 as compared to FY04 ensued. Clarification by City staff as to the difference of 12% was provided. No capital and an increase in revenue were stated as contributing factors. A breakdown would be provided.

Judge Briones asked District staff for collection rates across the departments. Staff indicated this was not readily available. If there is a potential for improved collection efforts, identifying the areas is appropriate. This will be provided at the next hearing.

Council Member Daniel S. Power departed at 3:40 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Cobos agreed that City staff and County staff need to meet again with the information requested. A date was not scheduled.

Although there was no motion to adjourn, the meeting ended at 4:10 p.m.

Ms. Patricia L. Lugo, Personnel Technician, Office of the Health District's Director, Jorge C. Magaña, provided the minutes.

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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